

THE LIVE WIRE

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PLUG INTO THE HIGHEST POWER

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BACK TO SCHOOL!

Beginning September 7th American Lutheran School will welcome seventy 3, 4, and 5 year old's to our 33rd year of serving families with young children.

WHAT WE ARE:

American Lutheran School is an Intentional Enrichment Preschool, our goal is to reinforce the foundations families are providing at home. It is a special place for children to come and learn about the world God so wonderfully created through a wide variety of hands-on fun academics and activities.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US:

We will be hosting our annual fundraiser, a flowering bulb sale, the last two weeks of September. Please come visit us on Sundays, 9/19 and 9/26 out on the patio to see what we are up to and purchase beautiful flower bulbs to support the preschool. The school receives 50% of all sales.

If you prefer to order online this is our link:

<https://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/shop/?affiliates=americanlutherschool> they will ship to your address.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for American Lutheran School!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

ALC member, Dee Isham has written a book of intercessory prayers entitled *“Praying the Names of God for the People of God”*. Her wish is to share it with the people of ALC and donate the proceeds to our church as a thank you. She says that she is humbled and most grateful to her church family because they have brought her through some tough times and have encouraged, comforted and blessed her for 32 years.

Dee has been a member of ALC since 1989. She and her husband took early retirement leaving Kansas City for Prescott that same year. In her former life she enjoyed success as a professional woman in the cattle industry. She climbed the corporate ladder becoming the first female manager and vice president of a company that was run by ex-marine officers. She also worked closely with ranchers and cowboys.

After moving to Prescott and joining ALC, she became involved with teens in our youth group and led the Sunday morning teen Bible study. Outside church, her love of art and history led her to help form an art group that worked with incarcerated youths in the Yavapai County drug and substance abuse program.

As age and health concerns began limiting her from the physical side of working with youth; she turned her attention to teaching in WOW. Throughout, however, her heart has always been drawn to the prayer ministry here at ALC. She firmly believes that we are unified in the body of Christ through our prayers and love for one another.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

In the introduction to her book she writes: “I believe that when we pray the names of God in our prayers of intercession, we are in essence reminding ourselves of God’s attributes and all the ways he touches our lives. Meditating on his names and his character has blessed me greatly and I hope it will bless you as well.”

Look for her books to be available for sale during our coffee fellowship soon.

Often we don't know a great deal about the people who worship and fellowship with us. Our members and friends have their own unique stories and testimonies to share. If you or someone you know has a story to tell, please contact the church office or Kris Foster, Coordinator of Member Support.

PRAYER IS CLIMBING INTO THE HEART OF GOD. - MARTIN LUTHER

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The 2021 NALC Mission Convocation heard updates on the 10 points of the NALC's 2020 Vision and overwhelmingly approved two resolutions supporting decisions by the Executive Council to establish a central NALC office in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, area and to add four part-time assistants to the bishop.

More than 400 delegates and visitors gathered August 4-6 in Corpus Christi, Texas, for the 2021 Mission Convocation around the theme, "God the Father Creates." The convocation and the events preceding it comprise the NALC's annual Lutheran Week.

- **2020 Vision Appeal:** We are excited to share that we are moving forward with funding and implementing our 2020 Vision with the full support of the bishop and Executive Council. We are working with Cramer & Associates from Dublin, Ohio, a Christian-based philanthropic advisory firm, to execute this powerful and important initiative. We look forward to communicating and working with you on building our future.
- **Elections:** The Rev. Mark Werner of Pittsgrove, New Jersey, and Joel Williams of Erwin, South Dakota, were elected to four-year terms on the Executive Council. The Rev. Dr. Jeffray Greene of Brooks, Georgia, and Matthew Lind of Bainbridge Island, Washington, were elected to the Court of Adjudication.
- **The Rev. Dr. Amy Little was installed as the General Secretary** of the NALC. The general secretary is the chief

operating officer of the NALC and manages its administrative functions.

- **A major address on the convocation theme**, "God the Father Creates," was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Steven Paulson. He focused on the significance of the first article of the Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's explanation of it in his Small Catechism.
- **Melissa Ohden told the moving story of her life** as the survivor of a failed saline infusion abortion and now as an advocate for abortion survivors and pro-life policies.
- **2022 budgets were approved.** The Convocation approved a \$2 million Operating Budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for the church's designated funds: \$875,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary); \$215,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$143,000 for the Disaster Response Fund.
- **Prayer for Ethiopia:** The convocation unanimously approved a resolution inviting NALC pastors, congregations and members to unite in "intentional and intensive prayer for Ethiopia." Ethiopia is going through a time of significant political unrest. The NALC is in a full-communication relationship with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, the largest Lutheran church in the world.
- **Amendments to the NALC Constitution** adding language naming mission districts and mission regions were approved. The amendments must be ratified by NALC congregations.
- **Reports** of the work of the NALC's staff, teams, task forces, ministries and ministry partners were warmly received.
- **The Braaten-Benne Lectures in Theology**, which preceded the convocation, focused on God the Father. Other events of Lutheran week included the Women of the NALC Annual Gathering and workshops on discipleship, stewardship and youth ministry.

BOOK LOOK

To keep you updated on the newest additions to our church library, I've reviewed both a fiction and a non-fiction book below for you to consider. If you saw a previous review and don't remember the name of the book, you may look up all reviews that have been written in the past years in the white binder found on the counter immediately to the left as you enter the library. For your convenience the current items reviewed in Book Look are kept on the cart for a couple of months. Can't find an item or wonder if we have what you're looking for? Please call or email me and I'll be happy to help you. (928-771-9923 or vonnareynolds@icloud.com) The library cart which is found outside both worship areas on alternating Sundays (and in the library during the week) has audiobooks and DVDs in addition to books.

Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café by Max Lucado – "Have you ever wished that you could sit down with God over a cup of coffee and ask any question that's on your heart? Well, patrons of the High Grounds Café have found just such a place, and lives are being changed." Lucado's 'heavenly novel' reminds us "that no matter how alone we might feel at times, heaven is all around and God is near." Sheila Walsh, author. This short book is a delightful read.

The Grave Robber, How Jesus can Make Your Impossible Possible by Mark Batterson – a book which explains the seven miracles found in John's gospel and "shows us how to open our eyes to the miraculous and, in doing so, truly see that the One who walked on water and raised people from the dead is still working miracles today." Rick Warren, author of ***The Purpose Driven Life***. The title ***The Grave Robber*** didn't sound very appealing to me but as I started reading I found it to be very timely and a joy to read. Batterson is generous in his accounting of various modern miracles that relate to the seven found in the gospel of John.

Reviewed by Vonna Reynolds



In observation of Labor Day the church will be closed Monday, September 6th. We will resume normal hours on Tuesday, September 7th.



Connections is right around the corner!

Registration tables will be around between and after services this Sunday, **Aug. 29 in the Narthex!**